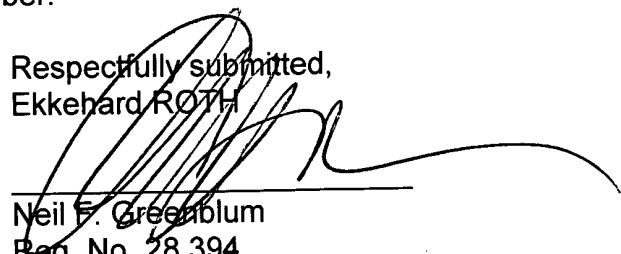


REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application to place the claims more in accordance with idiomatic English and standard U.S. practice. In particular, claims 1-9 have been amended, claim 10 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and claims 11 and 12 have been added.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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